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Lake Chemung Exit to be Closed after Labor Day

*Senator Garcia Applauds MDOT for approving
construction project on dangerous roadway*

LANSING – During a press conference today, the Michigan Department of Transportation announced that the Lake Chemung Exit in Howell will be closed following the Labor Day holiday weekend for renovations and safety improvements.

“The Lake Chemung interchange has been a focus of the Howell community for quite some time,” Senator Valde Garcia, R-Howell, said. “I am thankful that MDOT has made the decision to rebuild the ramp and make the exit safer for area residents. Although the construction will be inconvenient for area businesses and travelers, the project will create a safer ramp, and prevent the tragic loss of life.

“My priority now, while MDOT and the Brighton Transportation Service Center are working hard to reconstruct the area, is to help keep the public informed on the status of the road project and to ensure that customers continue to have access to area businesses and that school bus drivers, newspaper and postal delivery workers have the information they need to reconfigure their routes,” Garcia said.

Senator Garcia is willing to meet with concerned residents, local business owners and other organizations regarding traffic issues caused by the road project to help facilitate a smooth transition during the construction. Throughout the project, Garcia will issue e-mail updates to school superintendents, waste disposal units, the Howell Fire Authority and Police Department and other facilities affected by the road improvements to alert them of the changes in the status of the road project.

Any resident or group who wants to receive the e-mail update on the Lake Chemung Exit road project is encouraged to contact Senator Garcia at senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov.